

**WOODHALL**  
**Approximately 3.5 miles**

**Start.** The walk starts in Woodhall Lane, turning into the track near Woodhall Farm.

1. The stile is on the left hand side of the track, across a yard between two buildings. Crossing a small grassy area, go between some shrubs in the far right hand corner, through a wooded area (passing an old trampoline!) to a stile. Cross the next field diagonally right to another stile which crosses a ditch. Keep the hedge on your right hand side in this field and there is another stile about half way along the facing hedge. In the next field keep the hedge on your left and walk straight ahead until you reach another hedgeline.
2. Turn right, keeping the hedge on your left hand side, for three fields, up rising ground until you meet the bridleway at the top.
3. Go over the stile and turn right along the bridleway. At the junction with another bridleway, ignore the right hand path and continue straight on (slight left) the original bridleway. Pass the end of Stonehall Lane (looks like a path on your left at this point) and go through a metal gate then straight on along a green lane (trees on both sides).
4. The bridleway emerges up onto a field edge (keep hedge on your right hand side) until you reach some barns on your left. Go straight ahead through a small metal gate into a garden and walk down the driveway (keep the house on your left). Go through the large gate onto the lane.
5. Turn left and after a short distance you will come to the Kempsey Common gate. Go through the gate and turn right to follow the right hand edge of the Common. The next entrance/exit reached is Common Lane.
6. Go through the gate and walk along Common Lane to the junction with Green Street. Turn right for about 20 yards and then on the left is a path to the right hand side of a bungalow. It appears to be part of the bungalow garden but then goes between the garden fence and a hedge. A bridge then crosses a small brook and the path goes straight on to a field gate. Go through the gate diagonally left to another field gate and then straight on to a stile, keeping the house on your right hand side. Crossing the stile brings you back onto Woodhall Lane. Turn left, down the track to the starting point.

**Start.** The walk commences in Woodhall Lane, where the verges are wide and vehicles can be parked.

- A. Dogs should be under strict control as this area is mainly grassland and is used at times for grazing sheep, cattle and horses. There is much wildlife in this area. Badger and fox tracks can be seen. Also watch out for deer. Pheasant and partridge thrive in the small wooded corners, overgrown hedges and headlands. Amongst the clearings created by streams and ponds, jays, woodpeckers and flocks of finches can be glimpsed from time to time.
- B. This is also a good area for wildlife, since much of it is not frequented or disturbed. Primroses and bluebells grow, with celandine and hazel, in the wooded area. From the higher ground you can look down on the village in the immediate foreground and see the full spread of the Malvern Hills and as far as Abberley in the distance towards the right.
- C. Common Lane and Green Street are very old parts of the Parish and are almost a village in their own right. The Huntsman, previously The Fox, is at the centre of the hamlet. The local crofters used to keep sheep as they were near the Common and cattle along Woodhall Lane where the keep was good. This grazing helped a rich variety of wild plants to flourish.